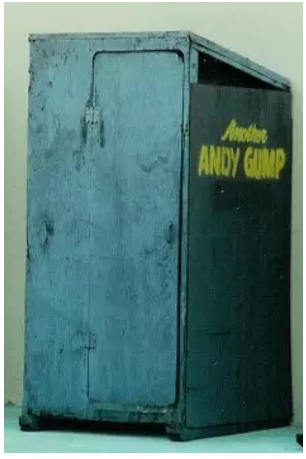
Fascinating Facts About Portable Toilets

Is it possible for portable toilets to be fascinating? We think so. While it is true that many people don't have much respect for portable toilets, we, at Nisly Brothers, are confronting stereotypes by going out of our way, and doing all we can to keep our units neat and clean. All of our models have hand sanitizer as standard equipment. Before you decide that "neat" and "clean" should not be used to describe portable toilets, go check out our Elite toilets. With 24% more floor space than our classic toilets, they add a touch of class with an on-board water supply, soap, paper towels, and a sink for clean hands. Also, take a look at our luxury restroom trailer with heat, A/C, and running water for your elegant party or wedding. You'll be impressed!

Since we are so intrigued by portable toilets, we've dug into the history and current global statistics of these portable units. We have done this, so that if you are a person with a love-hate relationship with portable toilets, you can see the benefits of them. We also provide a tip for you on how to choose the cleanest toilet within a row of toilets. Here are the fascinating facts about portable toilets that we have chosen just for you:

1. The Portable Toilet industry began for shipyard employees in the 1940s



The portable toilet story begins during World War II, when the owners of the shipyards in Long Beach, New Jersey realized that the employees were losing a lot of valuable work time in the long trek from the ships back to the docks to answer nature's call. According to the Minneapolis Porta Potty Pros, they decided to construct small, portable cubicles that were made with wood or metal, that contained a small holding tank. As a result, more work got done, workers were happier, and the portable toilet industry was birthed.

2. Portable toilets have many different

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names

The following are a few examples:

- Portable restroom (our preferred term)
- Porta-potty
- Porta-john
- Honey bucket
- WC (water closet; used in Europe)
- Porta-loo
- Johnny-on-the-spot
- Jon

3. How the industry has evolved to meet the customer's needs and wants

It started as something that was used only on ships, and has now grown and evolved into something much larger, and catering to a much broader scope. They started out as structures made of wood and metal. This made them incredibly heavy, and extremely difficult to empty once the ships docked. Eventually they began to use lighter building materials, which made them a lot easier to clean!

One of the ways that we are evolving to match the needs of our customers is our U-Tow units. These are on specifically designed trailers for transporting toilets from one location to another. The toilets are bolted onto a trailer. The customers pick them up in our yard, and bring them back after they are finished with it. They can be ordered with one or two toilets on the trailer. We have units with our classic toilets, and also units with elite toilets. These are especially nice for construction companies that are repaving a road, or building a gas line, and need a toilet on wheels that they can pull from one location to the next.

We also have portable toilets that are specifically designed to be in mines. Currently we have four of these units, that we service weekly for a salt mine. Here is a picture of the toilet that was in the mine years ago, and is currently on display at the Underground Salt Museum, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Another set of specialty units that we have are the hi-rise units. These are used at construction sites for high buildings. The toilet is placed on steel castors to allow for easy transportation by elevator. They also have a

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galvanized steel sling so they can be lifted with a crane.

Another giant hurdle for the portable toilet industry to overcome has been the smell. The invention of the blue deodorizers set up the portable toilet industry for a huge leap in being accepted in the public eye. The first deodorizers were made of formaldehyde based chemicals that helped mask the odor. The industry has progressed to using a non-formaldehyde based deodorizer since the older models are harder to break down in a waste water plant. The new deodorizers also contain biocides that don't mask the smell like the older models did, but keep the odor causing bacteria from multiplying, which keeps the smell down. Therefore, the toilet is also being kept cleaner, since the odor causing bacteria is being kept from multiplying

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4. Luxury Portable Restrooms are invented

We are excited to be a participant in the story of the luxury restroom trailers! Luxury trailers are another way that the portable restroom trailer industry has evolved. What started out as something to fix a problem on ships, that only had the bare necessities, has now evolved, and has been upgraded into a trailer that has all the modern conveniences.

Our luxury restroom trailer is eight feet by six feet, and comes with full amenities. Just like a regular bathroom in your home, they come with air conditioning, running water, a full-sized mirror, lights, inside décor, and other home-like features. They are also fully stocked with toilet paper, soap, and paper towels. These luxury restrooms are a giant leap

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from the common portable toilets, and are designed to make you feel at home and to make your event more enjoyable

5. The first toilet in the row is the cleanest

According to Gotugo, "The first portable toilet is usually used least. This makes it the cleanest toilet in a row." Everybody assumes that everyone else is going to the first toilet they come to, and so they go further down the line. The next time that you use a portable toilet, take advantage of crowd psychology and use the first toilet in the row for a more sanitary experience.

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